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SUBJECT: BRITISH PRESS ON GENEVA TALKS, NOVEMBER 4

1. THE FINANCIAL TIMES SUGGESTS POSSIBILITY OF PROGRESS, DESPITE PROBLEMS. THE TIMES SUGGESTS THAT A NEW HEAD OF THE RHODESIAN DELEGATION WILL MAKE PROGRESS AT THE NEGOTIATIONS MORE DIFFICULT.

2. THE FINANCIAL TIMES CORRESPONDENT BRIDGET BLOOM IN GENEVA: "...THE GENERAL FEELING HERE SEEMED TO BE THAT THE CONFERENCE DESIGNED TO SET UP AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT (IN RHODESIA), WAS STILL ROUGHLY ON COURSE. UNCERTAINTY REMAINS, PARTICULARLY ON THE KEY ISSUE OF MR. SMITH'S OWN ATTITUDE TO THE NEGOTIATIONS.... THERE IS...UN-
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CERTAINTY ON WHETHER MR. SMITH'S PRESENCE WOULD BE RE-

QUIRED HERE FOR FINAL AGREEMENT ON AN INDEPENDENCE DATE,
ALTHOUGH NO ONE DOUBTS THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK
FOR THE MORE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION OF THE FORMATION OF
THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT...."

3. THE TIMES DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT DAVID SPANIER:
"ONE WOULD NEED TO BE VERY SANGUINE INDEED TO EXPECT
PROGRESS IN THE RHODESIA TALKS UNDER MR. PIETER VAN DER
BYL, THE RHODESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WHOM MR. SMITH HAS
LEFT BEHIND IN GENEVA TO PURSUE THE NEGOTIATIONS..."

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